



My dear fellow citizens:

I am pleased to inform you that, effective January 1, 2002, your residence is now located within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County's District 6, which I represent on the Commission. As you know, every ten years our U.S. Constitution mandates that a national census be undertaken to ensure that the people are properly represented at all levels of government. The 2000 Census documented significant growth in Miami-Dade County

and, consequently, districts had to be redrawn to reflect the changes in our community's population. With redistricting, our District's constituency has grown. I am pleased to extend to all of you a very warm welcome to District 6.

I am truly honored that the residents of District 6 have entrusted me with their representation. Over the past months we have addressed many important issues and initiated actions towards the resolution of problems afflicting District 6 residents. I hope that, as you read the enclosed newsletter, you will share in our satisfaction over the many accomplishments reflected in its pages. I am particularly proud of having inaugurated, for the first time in our district's history, a District Office, located at 6429 S. W. 8th Street. My staff and I are ready to serve you at County Hall or the District Office. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions that you may have. I have an Open Door policy and look forward to assisting you in the near future.

Welcome to District 6. I invite all of you to get involved and participate in the effort to make our district a better place for ourselves and our families. Together we can improve the quality of our community, and I look forward to joining forces with you in this endeavor. May the New Year bring you health and happiness, and usher and era of peace in our world.

With warm regards,

Rebeca

Rebeca Sosa
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 6



Commissioner Sosa with Town Hall's Meeting attendees.

Accessibility and Communication

During her tenure as Mayor of West Miami for over seven years, Rebeca Sosa strongly believed that all City officials should keep an open line of communication with the citizens. Her philosophy ushered a government that could determine efficiently the needs of the community and expedite effectively the required solutions consistent with the expectations of our residents.

As your Commissioner, one of Rebeca Sosa's top priorities has been to provide for a more open and responsive County government. Her office's efforts are focused on this goal: to ensure that County government recognize and address the many needs of our District. In furtherance of that goal, Commissioner Sosa established a much-needed District office, located at 6429 SW 8 Street. The Commissioner and her staff are available to meet with the residents of District 6 in an effort to better understand and address the many issues confronting the community.

Commissioner Sosa also has reached out to the many homeowners associations represented in our community in an effort to enhance their communication with our County government. She has visited them and discussed problems related to flooding, crime, services and public works, issues that are of great concern in these communities. One example of her commitment to the homeowners associations is the Little Gables' request for the paving of a road that simply had been overlooked by the county for many years. Because of

Commissioner Sosa's efforts, the groundbreaking ceremony for this project was held in January 2002. The residents of Little Gables finally can count on a Commissioner that listens and gets results.

Commissioner Sosa and her staff have met with the homeowners and assured them that the County's administration is available to identify and propose immediate and long-term solutions to their many concerns.

Our work has just begun. Commissioner Sosa stands ready and able to work on your behalf. The foundation has been laid. Let's continue to build a better future together.



South Miami Middle School government class visiting Commissioner Sosa.

Budget Allocation

To better understand the needs of the municipalities in District 6, Commissioner Sosa has already organized a Mayoral Monthly Update. At this first meeting, Commissioner Sosa was briefed on the various improvement projects on which the cities have been working and for which they need financial assistance. Some of the proposed projects include resurfacing of roads, construction of pedestrian ramps for the disabled, funding for senior center activities, and replacement of missing or faded traffic signs. These are all part of Commissioner Sosa's \$1,500,000 dollar budget priority list for fiscal year 2001-2002.



*Inauguration of a new County Bus Route
in Commissioner Sosa's district.*

Commissioner Rebeca Sosa's Legislative Accomplishments

A major part of Commissioner Sosa's role is to introduce legislation that is responsive to the needs of the residents of District 6. Commissioner Sosa has been very active in bringing forward responsible legislation that will improve the quality of life for the residents of District 6 and our County. Commissioner Sosa is a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Economic Development and Housing Committee, the Health, Public Safety and Human Services Committee, the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, and the Transportation, Infrastructure and Environment Committee. The following is a brief summary of legislation enacted by Commissioner Sosa:

Protection and Restoration of the Everglades: To ensure flood protection and water quality to our community.

Obtaining an adequate supply of Flu Vaccines: Provides Flu vaccines for our senior citizens.

Economic injury disaster loans for small businesses: Provides financial relief for small businesses affected by September 11th terrorist attack.

Prohibition of Price-Gouging: Consumer protections under a State of Emergency.

Placement of Items to be heard before the County Commission: Limits the County Manager's ability to add items to the agenda without adequate notice, thereby providing Commissioners adequate time to review matters before casting votes.

Establishing professional certification program with Building Department: Creating a process for expedited permits for construction.

Urging Florida Legislature to enact laws relating to the professional independence of Architects and Engineers: In order to protect the public, the architect or engineer who reviews plans and conducts inspection pursuant to a permit issued by affidavit shall not be the architect or engineer of record.

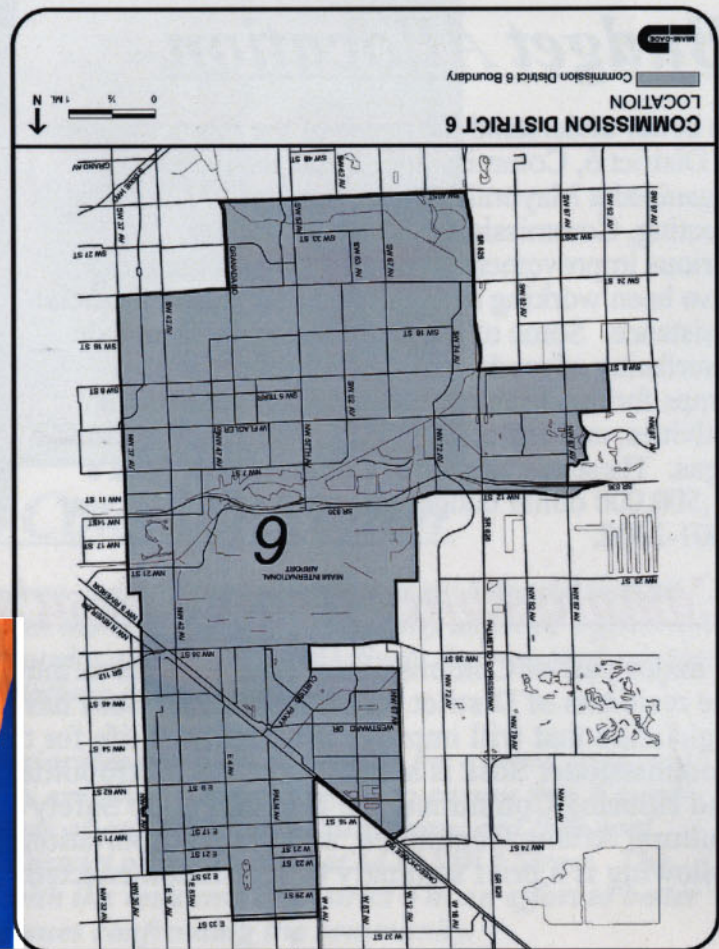
Notice of fiscal impact on municipalities: Rights of residents to receive notice of fiscal impact to their community.

Creation of the Social and Economic Development Council: Think Tank charged with the responsibility of reinvigorating the rate of economic development in the best interest of the residents of Miami-Dade County after the terrorist attacks of September 11th.

Resolution urging banks to alleviate economic consequences: Three to five month forbearing of mortgages for homeowners and business owners affected by terrorist attacks of September 11th.

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Mayor Alex Penelas.....	(305) 375-5071
Miami-Dade Housing.....	(305) 644-5100
Miami-Dade Transit.....	(305) 770-3131
Parking Violations.....	(305) 275-1133
School Board.....	(305) 995-1000
Solid Waste.....	(305) 594-1500
Special Transportation Services....	(305) 263-5406
Team Metro.....	(305) 468-5900
Neighborhood Assistance.....	(305) 375-2196

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